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SUBJECT: SFO-VIII GUIDANCE 009: ARTICLE VI

REF: STATE 009672 (SFO-VIII GUIDANCE 002)

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Reason: 1.4 (b) and (d).

[¶1.](#) (S) Guidance: Delegation is authorized to drop Article VI from the Treaty now that the Russian delegation has agreed to codify: the use of unique identifiers on all ICBMs, SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers; that the sides will provide 48-hour advance notification of new missile exits from production facilities; and that the inspecting party shall have the right to cancel an inspection if fewer than 50 percent of deployed ICBMs are available for inspection at an ICBM base. This guidance supersedes the guidance in para 11 of reftel.

[¶2.](#) (S) Washington notes that the Russian delegation has not agreed to codify a requirement that ICBM bases for mobile launchers of ICBMs not exceed 125,000 sq km, nor that their basing areas not exceed 5 sq km. Washington understands the U.S. Delegation will send a request for guidance to Washington proposing a way forward on this issue, to include how to address locational restrictions on non-deployed mobile ICBMs and non-deployed mobile launchers at mobile ICBM bases. Washington believes meaningful locational restrictions on non-deployed mobile ICBMs and non-deployed mobile launchers must be maintained in this Treaty.

End guidance.
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